CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER No. 91-109 NPDES No. CA0027812

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR:

BORDEN CHEMICAL COMPANY BOYCE ROAD FACILITY FREMONT, ALAMEDA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter called the Board) finds that:

- 1. Borden Chemical Company (hereinafter called the discharger) owns and operates an industrial facility at 41100 Boyce Road in Fremont, Alameda County, where formaldehyde and formaldehyde based resins are manufactured.
- 2. The Board, on December 18, 1984 adopted Waste Discharge Requirements, NPDES Permit, Order No. 84-85 to Borden Chemical Company and four other dischargers. The permit prescribed requirements for the discharge of polluted stormwater runoff.
- 3. In 1989 Borden sold its adhesives business. As a result, the adhesives manufacturing operation located at the site was shut down on October 27, 1989.
- 4. The discharger submitted a stormwater management plan on January 17, 1990. The plan consists of capturing 100 percent of the time, all stormwater runoff from process areas. The runoff is stored and subsequently used for cooling operations as well as for recyling operations in the manufacture of formaldehyde. The resultant cooling tower blowdown is discharged to the Union Sanitary District's sewer system.
- 5. Board staff visually inspected the facility on December 14, 1990 to verify the conditions. It was determined that the only direct discharge to surface water from the facility consists of stormwater runoff from nonprocess areas. This runoff should not contain any pollutants of concern and therefore, does not need to be subject to waste discharge requirements at this time.

- 6. The rescission of the permit for the discharge is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 21000 of Division 13) of the Public Resources Code (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
- 7. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of waste discharge and requirements for Borden Chemical Company.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Order No. 79-40, and pertinent parts of Order No. 84-85 applicable to Borden Chemical Company are hereby rescinded.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay on July 17, 1991.

STEVEN R. RITCHIE, Executive Officer